GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1446
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LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT POLICY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalized Land Resource Management Policy;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government have made any survey of wasteland in the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(e) the steps taken by the Government to develop wasteland during the last three years, State-wise;
(f)whether the Government have taken steps to allocate wasteland to the weaker sections and landless people of the country; and
(g) if so, the details of wasteland allotted during the last three years and the current year , State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) No Sir

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) & (d) The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Developmenthas recently brought out a ` Wastelands Atlas of India 2000` in collaboration with `National Remote Sensing Agency`, Hyderabad using remote sensing technologies.As per this `Atlas` the total extent of wastelands in the country is 63.85 million hectares. The state-wise details of wasteland area are enclosed in Annexure -I

(e) The Ministry of Rural Developmentis implementing three area development programmes namely the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) for th development of wastelands through watershed approach. The State-wise details of funds released during last three years from 1997-98 to 1999-2000 by Ministry of Rural Development in respect of these programmes are enclosed in Annexure -II.

(f) & (g) The State-wise details of distribution of Government Wastelands as on December 1999 are enclosed in Annexure- III.

ANNEXURE -I

Referred to in reply to Part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1446 due for answer on 1.8.2000

STATE-WISE WASTELANDS OF INDIA

(Area in Sq. kms.)

SNo.	State	No. of districts covered of dist. covered	No. of districts covered in dist. Covered	Total Geog. Area	Total W.L. area	% to total Geog. Area
1	Andhra Pradesh	23		275068.00	51750.19	18.81
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13		83743.00	18326.25	21.88
3	Assam	23		78438.00	20019.17	25.52
4	Bihar	55		173877.00	20997.55	12.08
5	Goa	02	3702.00	613.27	16.57	
6	Gujarat	25	196024.00	43021.28	21.95	
7	Haryana	19	44212.00	3733.98	8.45	
8	Himachal Pradesh	12	55673.00	31659.00	56.87	
9	Jammu and Kashmir	14	222236.00	65444.24	64.55	
10	Karnataka	27	191791.00	20839.28	10.87	
11	Kerala	14	38863.00	1448.18	3.73	
12	Madhya Pradesh	62	443446.00	69713.75	15.72	
13	Maharashtra	32	307690.00	53489.08	17.38	
14	Manipur	09	22327.00	12948.62	58.00	
15	Meghalaya	07	22429.00	9904.38	44.16	
16	Mizoram	03	21081.00	4071.68	19.31	
17	Nagaland	07	16579.00	8404.10	50.69	
18	Orissa	30	155707.00	21341.71	13.71	
19	Punjab	17	50362.00	2228.40	4.42	
20	Rajasthan	32	342239.00	105639.11	30.87	
21	Sikkim	04	7096.00	3569.58	50.30	
22	Tripura	04	10486.00	1276.03	12.17	

23	Tamil Nadu	29	130058.00	23013.90	17.70
24	Uttar Pradesh	83	294411.00	38772.80	13.17
25	West Bengal	18	88752.00	5718.48	6.44
26	Union Territories	20	10973.00	574.30	5.23
Total		584	3287263.00	638518.31	20.17

Source : 1:50,000 scale wasteland maps prepared
from Landsat Thematic Mapper/IRS LISS II/III Data

Note : 1,20,849,00 sq.kms. in Jammu & Kashmir is not mapped and hence not considered for calculating the percentage.

ANNEXURE III

Referred to in reply to Part (f) & (g) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1446 due for answer on 1.8.2000

Distribution of Government Wastelands as on December, 1999.

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Area Distributed in Lakh acres
1.	Andhra Pradesh	42.02
2.	Assam	5.89
3.	Bihar	13.21
4.	Gujarat	13.81
5.	Haryana	0.00
6.	Himachal Pradesh	0.17
7	Karnataka	13.72
8.	Kerala	4.57
9	Madhya Pradesh	0.79
10	Maharashtra	10.23
11	Manipur	0.32
12	Punjab	1.10
13	Orissa	7.26
14	Tamil Nadu	2.07
15	Tripura	1.32
16	Uttar Pradesh	24.89
17	West Bengal	4.32
18	Goa	0.05
19	Mizoram	0.74
20	Rajasthan	0.93
21	Delhi	0.06
Total		147.47

ANNEXURE II

Referred to in reply to Part (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1446 due for answer on 1.8.2000

Statement showing State-wise releases of funds in last three years from 1997-98 to 1999-2000 under IWDP, DPAP and DDP

S.No.	Name of the State	Amount released in last three years from 1997-98 to 1999-2000 (Rs. in crore)

		IWDP	DDP	DPAP
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30.06	13.41	72.55
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.09		
3	Assam	2.59		
4	Bihar	0.38	5.83	
5	Gujarat	13.45	47.12	21.84
6	Haryana	2.46	18.58	
7	Himachal Pradesh	11.84	4.35	2.10
8	Jammu & Kashmir	3.36	12.96	3.73
9	Karnataka	16.55	14.08	24.96
10	Kerala	1.19		
11	Madhya Pradesh	14.84	31.75	
12	Maharashtra	6.60	31.82	
13	Meghalaya	0.65		
14	Manipur	5.88		
15	Nagaland	8.50		
16	Orissa	11.53	3.85	
17	Punjab	0.14		
18	Rajasthan	11.96	124.29	9.79
19	Sikkim	6.32		
20	Tamil Nadu	9.43	18.07	
21	Tripura	0.70		
22	Uttar Pradesh	37.90	27.73	
23	West Bengal	0.00	4.69	
	Total	196.42	234.79	258.71